(d) whether any action is being taken to confer this award for the year 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding for the year 1995 was awarded in the year 1997. Despite concerted efforts having been made, the awardee has not yet been able to come to India to receive the award. The awardee for the year 1999, for which the Jury met in December, 2000, could not be decided upon. The Jury has not met since.

(c) The prize money has not been utilized.

(d) The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding is a continuing award and is being reviewed administratively with a view to making it a regular feature.

Attack on Indian showroom in Nepal

1721. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a car showroom belonging to an Indian businessman in Kathmandu was attacked by Maoists causing damage to 22 vehicles and resulting a loss of Rs. 50 crores;

(b) whether Government have obtained the details of attack; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and action taken by Nepal Government/ authorities to punish the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) No, there has been no attack on a car showroom belonging to any Indian businessman in Kathmandu.

On September 1, 2002, Maoists attacked a car showroom in Kathmandu belonging to a Nepali businessman of Indian origin. 15 cars were reportedly damaged and 6-7 cars burnt. The estimated damages were between Nepali Rs. 40-50 lakhs. A case has been registered by Nepal Police authorities on September 1, 2002. Investigations are continuing at present.